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Subject: Grand Mufti Considers
Move to Pakistan

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1. An informant of source states that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husseini, is anticipating serious trouble between Egypt and Great Britain and consequently is thinking seriously of moving his headquarters to Karachi, Pakistan. In doing this he would be accepting an invitation extended him by that country some time ago.
2. According to the informant, the Grand Mufti feels that by such a move he would be safely out of British hands in the event of trouble and would, furthermore, be in a position to effect closer contact with Mulla KA'SHANI, in Iran. He also feels that more active direction of the Moslem Brotherhood would be possible in Karachi, and that from there he could launch full-scale attacks against the Arab League—which he is more or less prevented from doing by living in Egypt.

Field Notes:

Paragraph 1: The Grand Mufti has been reported recently in RLB's-2730, 2746, 2757, etc.

Paragraph 2: Concerning the Grand Mufti's contacts with Mulla KA'SHANI we have a previously unreported item from source, received 23 August and evaluated as "B-3" which states that 'Abd-al-Jalil SUNKAR is the regular courier bringing messages from the Grand Mufti to Mulla KA'SHANI. SUNKAR, an Egyptian employee of al-Misri Airlines, is a brother-in-law of 'Ali HUSSEINI, a close friend of the Mufti. Sa'id RAHMAN of the Moslem Brotherhood recently took a message from the Mufti to Mulla KA'SHANI. "Contacts and understandings between Hajj Amin and KA'SHANI are increasing."

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